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Title: (Amended) HUMAN METHIONINE SYNTHASE REDUCTASE:  
CLONING, AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING RISK OF,  
PREVENTING, OR TREATING NEURAL TUBE DEFECTS,  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CANCER, AND DOWN'S SYNDROME

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing an Appeal Brief, after the filing of a Notice of Appeal on May 22, 2003, be extended for one month, to and including August 22, 2003. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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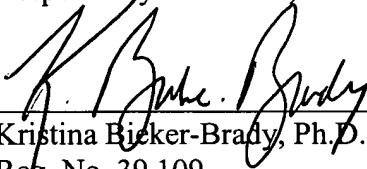
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